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## HOUSE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_

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*Introduced by: Ruppel*

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A RESOLUTION urging the United States Congress to appropriate funding for the federal Historic Barn Preservation Act (P.L.107-171).

*Whereas, Historic preservation provides opportunities to rapidly employ persons in diverse areas of the economy, revitalize neighborhoods, communities, and rural areas, entice nationwide private capital investment, and foster heritage tourism;*

*Whereas, Family farms are the foundation of rural America, and barns are located on these farms;*

*Whereas, Historic barns are becoming national treasures, and rehabilitating and repairing these barns, as necessary, to*

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*preserve the barns' functionality and to preserve the rural landscape, provides benefits to farmers, as well as to the communities and economic vitality of the areas in which the barns are located; and*

*Whereas, Congress acted in 2002 to establish the Historic Barn Preservation Program: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the  
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1           SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives urges the  
2           appropriations committees of the United States Senate and House of  
3           Representatives to appropriate the funds necessary to implement the  
4           federal Historic Barn Preservation Act in fiscal year 2006.  
5           SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
6           Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Indiana's  
7           Congressional delegation; Senator Thad Cochran, Chair of the United  
8           States Senate Committee on Appropriations; and Congressman Jerry  
9           Lewis, Chair of the United States House of Representatives Committee  
10          on Appropriations.

